

Circ.: m. 163,895
S. 302,254

Front Edit Other
Page Page Page

13

Date:

CPYRGHT

Ostertag Interviews Dulles

Intelligence Chief Denies Soviets Lead in Missiles

Courier-Express Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 17—The director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency today said he had no evidence the Russians are ahead of us in the intercontinental missiles field.

Allen W. Dulles told Rep. Harold C. Ostertag, Attica Republican, on a television program he was sure we are ahead of Russia in atomic energy.

In answer to a query by Ostertag on the current policy upheaval in Russia, the intelligence chief said he felt the Communists have not changed their goal of world leadership.

"This attack on Stalin," Dulles said, "is motivated by this: They are trying to persuade the peoples of the Soviet block that they are doing away with tyranny. Now I don't believe they are. I think the Kremlin is now dominated by a bunch of tyrants, but I think they feel it will be useful for the future if

they can persuade the people of the Soviet Union that they are doing away with tyranny."

Dulles said he had no evidence Stalin was murdered or that he murdered his wife or that Stalin was originally a secret agent of the czar, as reported in a recent magazine story.

The CIA head said the Communists softened their grip on the people because "the people were beginning to be very uneasy . . . You can't run a country if your people are sullen and uneasy and frightened of the policy . . . Therefore I think they can run the government better by doing this."

Ostertag asked Dulles whether he regarded his (Ostertag's) arrest by the East Germans on a recent trip to Europe as part of the Communists' strategy in dealing with the division of Berlin. Dulles replied he thought the Reds were trying to flex their muscles publicly to show "We're going to exercise power and control in this area."